



State Senator

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Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

***A Legislative Bulletin for
Residents of the
22nd District***

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| SB 1007 | RAIL EMERGENCIES (Gilbert)
Provides for temporary waiver of permit requirement under Michigan Vehicle Code during railroad emergencies. |
| SB 1008 | SPEECH PATHOLOGIST LICENSES (Jacobs)
Provides for licensure of speech-language pathologists. |
| SB 1009 | FALSE PRETENSES (Cropsey)
Amends Penal Code to define "false pretenses." |
| SR 219 | R.I.A. AT M.S.U. (Allen)
Urges U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Rare Isotope Accelerator at Michigan State University. |
| SB 1010 | MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS (Basham)
Includes merchant marines in status of veterans for purposes of benefits. |
| SB 1011 | MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS (Basham)
Amends Veterans Trust Fund to include merchant marines. |
| SB 1012 | NEW BUSINESS TAX BREAK (Thomas)
Increases single business tax filing threshold for start-up businesses. |
| SB 1013 | UNCLAIMED PROPERTY (Schauer)
Subjects property unclaimed by insurance companies to two-year escheat period; modifies publication requirements. |
| SB 1014 | FARM PRESERVATION (Emerson)
Modifies administrative cap in agricultural preservation fund. |
| SB 1015 | STATE POLICE RADIO TOWERS (Cherry)
Provides 9-1-1 funding for State Police radio towers. |
| SB 1016 | TEACHER FEES (Emerson)
Amends School Code to expand uses of teacher certification fees. |
| SB 1017 | DRIVER EDUCATION SUBSIDIES (Emerson)
Amends driver training school regulation act to remove subsidies. |

SB 1018	DRIVER EDUCATION SUBSIDIES (Emerson) Amends Vehicle Code to eliminate driver education subsidies and redirects fees to traffic law enforcement safety fund.
SB 1019	REVENUE SHARING (Emerson) Revises revenue sharing percentage for counties.
SB 1020	MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS (Johnson) Provides for payment in two installments of Michigan Merit Award scholarships.
SB 1021	POLICE TROOPER BANKED LEAVE (Brown) Implements a banked leave time program for State Police troopers.
SB 1022	STATE FORESTRY (VanWoerkom) Amends Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require state to manage state forests in a manner consistent with a sustainable forestry.
SB 1023	FORESTS (Prusi) Amends Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish forest pilot project areas.
SB 1024	FOREST AUTHORITY (McManus) Changes membership of board of Forest Finance Authority; revises specialty uses of forest development fund.
SB 1025	CHILD PROTECTION REGISTRY (Bishop) Creates a child protection registry to regulate electronic mail advertisements.
SB 1026	MANUFACTURING DAY (McManus) Designates third Friday in September as manufacturing day.
SR 220	RED CROSS MONTH (Sikkema) Commemorates March as Red Cross Month.

Committee Meetings

Meeting's agenda and times are subject to change.

* The House will not be in session the week of March 1, 2004.

Senate

Senate Committee	Appropriations: Natural Resources
Clerk Phone Number	373-1725
Location	Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date	Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time	12:00 PM
Agenda	Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget for the Department of Natural Resources - Payments in Lieu of Taxes
Chair	Senator Michelle McManus

Senate Committee	Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	373-3760
Location	Room 210, Farnum Building
Date	Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time	1:00 PM
Agenda	SB 998 , SB 999 , SB 1000 , HB 4871
Chair	Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee	Transportation
Clerk Phone Number	373-7708
Location	Room 110, Farnum Building
Date	Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time	1:00 PM
Agenda	HB 4600
Chair	Senator Judson Gilbert

Senate Committee	Appropriations: Judiciary & Corrections
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Clerk Phone Number 373-3760
Location Senate Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Boji Tower
Date Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Discussion of the FY 2004-05 Budget Recommendation for the Dept. of Corrections
Chair Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee Commerce & Labor
Clerk Phone Number 373-2413
Location Room 100, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5445](#), and a presentation by Downtown Development Authorities
Chair Senator Jason Allen

Senate Committee Families & Human Services
Clerk Phone Number 373-1801
Location Room 210, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [HB 4920](#), [HB 5240](#), [HB 5195](#)
Chair Senator Bill Hardiman

Senate Committee Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs
Clerk Phone Number 373-1854
Location Room 110, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [SB111](#), [SB 759](#), [HB 4352](#) and a presentation on low-level radioactive waste in Michigan given by Thor M. Strong, Acting Commissioner
Chair Senator Patricia L Birkholz

Senate Committee Appropriations: Community Colleges
Clerk Phone Number 373-6960
Location Senate Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date Tuesday, 3/2/2004
Time 1:00 P.M.
Agenda Testimony from the Michigan Community College Assn.
Chair Senator Ron Jelinek
Senate Committee Finance
Clerk Phone Number 373-1758
Location Room 110, Farnum Building
Date Wednesday, 3/3/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda Presentation by Rich Studley, Sr. VP, Government Relations, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, regarding taxes, urban revitalization and economic development in Michigan.
Chair Senator Nancy Cassis

Senate Committee Health Policy
Clerk Phone Number 373-3543
Location Rooms 402 & 403, Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 3/3/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda [SB 772](#), [SB 778](#)
Chair Senator Beverly S Hammerstrom

Senate Committee Technology & Energy

Clerk Phone Number	373-7350
Location	Room 210, Farnum Building
Date	Wednesday, 3/3/2004
Time	3:00 PM
Agenda	Continued discussions on Public Act 141 of 2000 (Electric Restructuring).
	Presentation by the Michigan Public Service Commission on the Michigan Telecommunications Act.
Chair	Senator Bruce Patterson
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Senate Committee	Appropriations: Environmental Quality
Clerk Phone Number	373-1725
Location	Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date	Wednesday, 3/3/2004
Time	12:00 p.m.
Agenda	Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget for the Department of Environmental Quality - Overview of Permitting Processes
Chair	Senator Michelle McManus
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Senate Committee	Appropriations: K-12, School Aid, Education
Clerk Phone Number	373-6960
Location	Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date	Wednesday, 3/3/2004
Time	2:00 PM or later immediately following Senate Appropriations Committee meeting
Agenda	Testimony on the K-12 School Aid Budget
Chair	Senator Ron Jelinek
Senate Committee	Banking and Financial Institutions
Clerk Phone Number	373-2417
Location	Room 100, Farnum Building
Date	Thursday, 3/4/2004
Time	12:00 PM
Agenda	SB 819
Chair	Senator Mike Bishop
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Senate Committee	Appropriations: Community Health
Clerk Phone Number	373-7946
Location	Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower
Date	Thursday, 3/4/2004
Time	2:00 P.M.
Agenda	Medicaid Overview; Public Testimony
Chair	Senator Tony Stamas